

Chapter 4

Bringing Sins to Jesus: Confession

In chapter three we talked about repentance. Once you've asked for this, believe that God hears you and then bring your sins to Him. It isn't necessary to pay for your sins by doing some good thing. Without Christ you can't do good things, and even if you could, they wouldn't pay for your sins. When you come to Jesus just tell Him what you did and that you're sorry. That's all.

Sometimes a sin hurts more than God. Sometimes it hurts other people besides yourself. If you find that your actions have hurt someone else, you must make things right with that person. Once Jesus said: "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23, 24).

When you need to confess a sin to God, or tell someone you're sorry, be specific and be honest. But if God is the only One you've hurt, then God is the only One you

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Habaqáagi Át'ëii Bee Ádaa Hojilne'go

Wólta'ii táá' góne' nilínęę biyi'dóó, t'áa aaníi lahgo át'éego Diyin God bich'ì' tsínízdookosgo baa hóóne'. Diyin, díi shaa nílęę bidíiniidgo, yinídláa doo áko nibaqáagi át'ëii baa dííléél. Yisdá'iildééh éi yá'át'éehgo baa nanináhígíi doo bee bik'é na'nílee da doo. Jó Christ t'áa géedgogo yá'adaat'éhígíi doo bíninil'áa da; áádóó bíninil'áa ládáá' yá'át'éehii baa nanináhígíi doo bee ná bik'é na'ilyée da. Jesus baa nínáahgo díi doo ákóne' áshłaa t'éi bididíiniil. T'áa éi t'ëiyá.

Doo ákóne'é iinidzaagóogo náánała' diné bídeet'i'góogo, éi bíł k'é ná'ahididí'niil. Hádáá' shíi Jesus áni: "Éi baq bikáá' náá'iinihi bikáá'dóó náá'ayílnihgo, nít'éé' nik'is bini' yini'a' yęę béenilnii'go, t'áa ákwii náahidílnihígíi bikáá' náá'iinihi bíghahgi nidíléél, áádóó nik'is áłtsé bich'ì' nídíídaalgo bíł k'é ná'ahididí'niil, áko índá nídíídaalgo náádi'yílnih" (Matthew 5:23-24).

Doo yá'át'éehii iinidzaago áko Diyin God éi doodago bíł kééhót'ini ts'ídá t'áa aanígóó bee bich'ì' ádaa hodílnih. Diyin God t'éi bídeet'i'go áko Diyin God t'éi bíł k'é

should confess to. Make things right with whoever has been wronged by your actions.

In the beginning God tested the first man and first woman by asking them not to eat the fruit growing on a certain tree: God said, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden" (Genesis 3:3). God was our first parents' Maker and had a right to tell them what to do, but He wanted them to trust Him and accept His authority from their hearts. The test He gave was not hard, but it was important.

Both the man and the woman ate what God had told them not to, and by doing this they sinned. When God asked what they had done: "The man said, 'The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate'" (Genesis 3:12-13).

Notice that both admitted their sin, but only because they couldn't get out of it. And along with their confession

ná'ahididí'niik. Bini' bídeet'i'ii t'eiya bee bił hólne'go nijéi aa
ánilééh.

Hodeeyáádáá' Diyin God éi Áłtsé Hastiin dóo Áłtsé
Asdzáá hwe'oodla' neiłkaah doo biniyé áyidíiniid: "[T]sin
bineest'a' hólónii dá'ák'eh ałni'gi sikaadígíí . . . Éi doo
baahdóo adoohsı́ıł da" (Genesis 3:3). Diyin God áhoolaago
áko éi biniinaa shik'eh hono'ı́ hodíiniid. Ákót'éego
yididooniı́go haz'áá lá, nidi hajéi bii' sha'ólíi doo ałdó'
náaniidzı́ı'. Hwe'oodla' bee bééhózin dooleefii doo há
nant'ah da nít'ée', nidi aláahdi át'ée lá.

Hastiin dóo be'asdzáá t'áá álah tsinéę baah ajíyáá'go
ajisiih. Áko Diyin God hastinéę áyidíiniid: "Da' tsin doo
baahdóo adı́yı́ıł da, nidishní yéęesh baahdóo íniyáá'? Áko
diné ázhdíiniid, Asdzání shéiniłtı́ıgo bił naash'aashígíí éi
sha'nı́łtsoodgo yı́yáá'. Áádóo Bóhólnı́ihii Diyin God éi
asdzání áyidíiniid, Díı́sha' ha'át'ı́ı baa nisı́nyá? Áko asdzání
ázhdíiniid, Tı́ıish shina'azlo'go biniik'ehgo yı́yáá' " (Genesis
3:11-13).

Hastiin dóo asdzání t'áá álah, Aoo', tsin baahdóo
yı́yáá', yee ádaa hoolne' – doo íidzaa didooniı́łęę doo biı́ghah
da biniinaa. Áko azhá ákwı́ishłaa níi nidi, doo t'áá íyisı́ shı́

they both brought an excuse. You gave me this woman, it's Your fault that I listened to her. The man didn't say it this way, but this is what his words meant. Why did You make this serpent? If You hadn't done that, I never would have sinned. This is the intent of what the woman was saying. But saying such things is not real confession and in one sense it's not confession at all. Whenever you come to God, don't make excuses. Just tell Him the truth.

An excuse is a way of saying that your sin wasn't so bad after all. If it wasn't so bad, then why confess it? But if you don't confess, your sin remains. So how is that going to help you?

Actually Jesus is much better than an excuse. He can help you get rid of sin so that it's really gone. Be honest with yourself. If you've sinned, confess your sin to God and it really will be gone. Do you think that after giving His Son to die for you He would send you away? Not at all! "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away" (John 6:37).

"A brokenhearted person, humbled by true repentance, will see how much God loves him. He will

da, níigo ání. Asdzání sheíníftínęę yínísts'ąą'go biniinaa asésiih, ní hastiin. Ni éí t'iish íinilaa. Doo íinilaagóó sha'shin shí doo asésiih da doo nít'ée', ní asdzání. Bijéí bii' t'áá íiyisí ááhyílnínęę éí kóníigo ání. Diné ła' shí doo íiyisí asésiih da jiníigo, habąąhági át'ėii doo ts'ídá bee ádaa náhojilne' da. Doo t'áá ádzaagóó hojilne' da, nidi t'áá aaníí ájiidzaaígíí Diyin God bee bił hozhdoolnih.

Ni éí, Doo asésiih da diníigo, doo íiyisí baąąhági ásdzaa da óolyé. Íinidzaaígíí doo bee nik'íhót'ahí da, áko ha'át'ėegoshą' Diyin bee bich'í' ádaa hodíílnih? Nidi doo bee ádaa hodíílnihgóogo nibaąąhági át'ėii t'ahdii hóló. Dííshą' haash yit'ėego ná yá'át'ėeh?

Hayooch'íidgo bee ádaa hojilne'ígíí éí doo há ílį da. Jesus t'ėí ílį. Baąąhági íinidzaago, Diyin God bee bich'í' ádaa hwíínílnęę'go índa nibaąąhági át'ėii yęę ts'ídá ádin dooleek. Nibaąąhági át'ėii t'áadoo baa nich'í'. ATaa' éí biYe' Jesus ná ninéidiní'ąągoósh nahjį' kónidoolíí? Dooda łaą! "Shaa-zhníyáhígíí éí t'áá íiyisí doo nówehjį' hodideeshniíł da" (John 6:37).

"T'áá háiida a'ohgo ádaa nitsídzíkeesígíí, t'áá aaníí łałhgo át'ėego Diyin God bich'í' tsínízdeezkėezgo, Diyin bibee

understand the cost of Calvary. The sinner who is really sorry will confess. He will come to God as freely as a son comes to a loving father. John wrote, 'If we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing' (1 John 1:9)" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 38).

ayóó'ó'ó'ni' dóo Calvary hoolyéedi áhóót'iidígíí hoł nilíi doo. Áádóó aye' jílnígíí éi hazhé'é ayóó'áhó'nínígíí, asésiłh yiłnii łeh nahalingo, t'áá ákót'éego habaąahági át'ėii t'áá ałtso Diyin God bee bich'į' ádaa hozhdoolnih. Ákohgo Diyin Bizaad ánínigi át'éego, 'Baąahági ádeit'ínígíí bee ádaa dahwiilne'go, hó ha'ahódlíii índa ts'ídá t'áá ákogi ááníłkii jíłįigo nihibaąahági ádaat'ėii ałtso nihá yóó'azhdidoo'áał, áádóó doo t'áá ákogi ádeit'įdii ałtso nihaąah táázhdooğis ' (1 John 1:9)" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 38).